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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant requests amendment of the Application to place the Application in a format more consistent with U.S. Patent practice. No fee is believed due. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly. Please amend the Application as follows.